

# WORKFORCE EDUCATION INVESTMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT BOARD



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## **WEIAOB Discussion: “How will we operate as a public accountability and oversight board?”**

**Goal:** achieve full understanding, clarity, consensus on role and responsibilities of the board as described in statute.

**Purpose of the Board:** to provide guidance and recommendations to the legislature on what workforce education priorities should be funded with the workforce education investment account; and ensure accountability that the workforce education investments funded with the workforce education investment account are producing the intended results and are effectively increasing student success and career readiness, such as by increasing retention, completion, and job placement rates.

The board shall consult data from the education data center and the workforce training and education coordinating board when reviewing and determining whether funded investments from the account are effectively increasing student success and career readiness. The board shall report its recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1st of each year.

Some questions to consider:

1. Performance Accountability: What criteria might we use to evaluate WEIA investments? What is the process for the board to identify gaps or friction points in the system that might be addressed with WEIA funding? *Potential ideas can go beyond the administrative data discussion, and might include items such as comparing best or promising practices; literature reviews; request funds to commission more granular evaluations; hear from panels of students, faculty, administrators, etc.*
2. How might the board work with administrative agencies to handle performance issues that it identifies through this process?
3. Legislative recommendations: What parameters, guardrails, or guidelines should the WEIAOB consider for making recommendations to the legislature about:
  - i. What should or shouldn't continue to be funded and why?
  - ii. What new investments should be made and why?
4. Annual report to the legislature, due each December 1st. What is the process for developing, writing and approving the report for submission?
5. What is needed by each member to feel best prepared to engage actively in the roles and responsibilities of the board?

Board Processes	Practice to date	Other Considerations?
Decision-making	Simple majority	
Consent Agenda	Not used to date	
Standing or Ad Hoc Committees	Yes, Ad Hoc Performance Accountability Subcommittee	
Meeting Agenda Development	Co-Chairs work with WTB staff	
Voting	All Members Currently Vote on Every Matter	
Alternates	Members are not sending alternates	
Designation of Officer	The Co-Chairs are the only officers	
Terms of Office	Co-Chairs serve one-year terms and are elected annually. No term limits.	
Duties of Officers	Co-Chairs set the agenda	
Regular Meetings	4 times a year	
Special Meetings	Not allowed at this time	
Stakeholder Access	No formal process	